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FOOTBALL WARRIORS CAN CLINCH EASTERN CCIFC TITLE

What a difference a year makes. About this time last year Loyola's football Warriors were nowhere near contention for Central Canada Intercollegiate Football Conference playoffs with a winless record. Saturday head coach George Dixon's gridders can clinch the CCIFC'S eastern division crown.

It's been almost 11 months since the last time a Loyola Varsity team lost a league game in a major sports and that was December 5 of '67 when the hockey Warriors were upset 4-2 by Sir George Williams in an OSL contest.

The Football Warriors can add to this impressive record Saturday in a two o'clock contest at Macdonald College. With four victories already under their belts, the high-flying Loyola squad will attempt to make it five in a row.

Pressure is all on Loyola as Macdonald, with a 1-3 record, is upset-minded. The Clansmen were robbed last week against Bishop's University Gaiteers. They led 14-10 going into the fourth quarter, only to see the Gaiteers score three unanswered TDs and pull out a 30-14 victory.

"We are not taking Macdonald lightly," admits Loyola line coach Tony Pajackowski. "Their defensive line is outstanding. They will provide a real challenge for our offensive linemen."

In the Warriors' last two outings, the brunt of the offensive attack has had to be borne by great individual efforts from Ron Sekeres and Ken Sears, two of the top rushers in the 12-team league.

Macdonald may be faced with a similar problem handling Loyola's defensive line the "Fearsome Foursome" composed of Brian Marcil, 210 lbs, Bob Fiele, 260 lbs, Mickey O'Neill, 215 lbs and Claude Beaudry 220 lbs.

The strength of the Loyola team to date has been its defence. The Warriors have one of the best, if not the best defensive record in the country with only one TD in four games charged against the defence and a total of 15 points in all against Bishop's, RMC, Universite de Montreal and Sir George Williams.

Thanks to trainer Ed Nowalkowski, the Warriors are healthy but speedster Frank Belvedere will not play after being ejected from the game against RMC last Saturday, which calls for an automatic one-game suspension. End Dwayne Dudgeon will also miss because of an injury suffered two weeks ago.

End Rick Mullins and halfback Dave Zappia have done commendable jobs as replacements and will fill the spots again Saturday.

Loyola's varsity soccer Warriors put a 12-game, two year unbeaten record to its toughest test Saturday at Kingston when they face RMC (7-0) in a 3:00 p.m. game that could decide the OSL soccer crown. The preliminary game up in Kingston pits RMC Jayvees against Harry Hus' J.V. squad.

The only Saturday home event on the Loyola athletic calendar is a jayvee football game at 10:30 a.m. against the cadets from RMC. Pat Duffy's Braves are also undefeated this season.